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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Policy Coordination

FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Accomplishments of the Princeton Meeting of
11 May 1952

1. Attached hereto is a draft statement concerning U.S. foreign policy which was worked out at the conclusion of the Princeton meeting on 11 May, which was attended by representatives of the Department of State (Messrs. Bohlen and Joyce), CIA (Messrs. Dulles [REDACTED], NCFE (Messrs. Miller, C. D. Jackson, Berle, and Lang, et al) and certain others. This statement is being considered by the Department of State with a view to determining its acceptability as an enunciation of American policy with respect to the satellite nations of Eastern Europe and the USSR. The NCFE-RFE people insist that unless there is some such enunciation of policy concerning Eastern Europe, it will not be much longer possible for them to put any real meat or substance into their programs. They feel that the old veins have been almost completely worked out and that they are faced with the loss and even the alienation of their listening audiences unless they can embark on new lines, which in turn must rest upon and ring the changes on a clearer statement of U.S. policy than is contained in any single existing statement or document. 25X1A

2. In connection with the paper which you are currently working on for the Stevens Strategic Planning Group, I have already suggested that you avail yourself of the various records which were made of the Princeton discussions and conclusions. [REDACTED] of the PSB and [REDACTED] are both believed to have some notes which might be pulled together into a written record of the high spots. Also, there is believed to be forthcoming a transcript or record of some kind, prepared by stenographers and secretaries who were brought to the meeting by the NCFE people. 25X1A

3. The Princeton meeting was a considerable aggregation of the better minds in this country which have been concerned with Cold War psychological strategy and tactics. Even though some of the views voiced may have been extreme, partially uninformed, impracticable, or simply put up for the sake of clarification of the discussion -- I am inclined to feel that the Princeton deliberations should represent a body of information and even doctrine which should be most closely studied by all those concerned with psychological warfare in both the OPC staffs and area divisions concerned. Accordingly, I recommend that the various papers, when collected, be made available for study to the personnel just above indicated.

(Signed) FRANK G. WISHER
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